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February 6, 2006

VIA REGULAR MAIL

Merle Turner, D.O.
1611 East Warner Road, #4
Tempe, AZ 85284

RE: Letter of Concern, License No. 1601, Case No. 3420

Dear Dr. Turner,

At the meeting on December 10, 2005, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery ("Board") conducted a case review on the above-referenced complaint. The complaint alleged several potential problems involving the care and/or lack follow up care with this patient which may have fallen below the prevailing standard.

Based on the information presented, the Board found there was insufficient evidence to conclude that your conduct constituted unprofessional conduct or to support direct action against your license. However, the Board voted to issue you this advisory LETTER OF CONCERN pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. 32-1855 (D) (2). The Board was concerned that you failed to complete an adequate work up for this patient which could ultimately lead to a violation of A.R.S. §§ 32-1854 (6), which states:

"Engaging in the practice of medicine in a manner that harms or may harm a patient or that the board determines falls below the community standard."

A Letter of Concern is a non-disciplinary action that remains part of the public record of your license for five years from the date of issuance (meeting date). During those years it will be provided in response to requests for copies of your license file or verifications of license status, including being posted on the Board's website. It also may be cited in future actions against your license. Because it is not a disciplinary action, it is not reported to the National Practitioner Data Base.

Respectfully,

Jack Confer
Executive Director

JC/s

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